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looks in vain in the sermons for a really lucid and convincing discussion of this central proposition.

The essential candor of the author's mind, however, flashes out here and there, and notably in an address upon self-consecration given in Wells Cathedral as one of a series of Retreat or Quiet Day addresses. These are wholesome words:

I do not think we need be at all afraid of losing our faith by facing all problems honestly, so long as our lives are in the right. . . . If we want to help those who are in difficulty, it is absurd to suppose that we can do so unless we have tried to appreciate and understand fairly the theories which have unsettled them. The shut mind can only use that fatal dialectical instrument which argues: "If you do not believe this, then you cannot believe that; and if you do not believe that, then you must give up Christianity altogether." The hearer, sadly enough, chooses the other horn of the dilemma, and gives up Christianity. The shut mind is always ready to bring the ark of God into the camp when the Philistines threaten, or to do like the Chinese, who piled their most sacred crockery on the rails to stop the first locomotive which ran into their country.

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**Outlines of the Life of Christ.** By PROFESSOR WILLIAM SANDAY, D.D., LL.D., Oxford University. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1905. Pp. 241. \$1.25, net.

**The Twentieth Century New Testament.** A Translation into Modern English. Revised and Final Edition. Chicago: F. H. Revell Co., 1905. Pp. 523. \$1, net.

**The Student's Chronological New Testament.** With Introductory Historical Notes and Outlines. By PROFESSOR A. T. ROBERTSON. Chicago: F. H. Revell Co., 1904. Pages not numbered. \$1.

**A Harmony of the Gospels for Historical Study.** An Analytical Synopsis of the Four Gospels. By PROFESSORS WM. ARNOLD STEVENS and ERNEST DEWITT BURTON. Third Edition, Revised. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1904. Pp. 283. \$1.

Six years ago, in Vol. II of Hastings' *Dictionary of the Bible*, appeared an encyclopedic and extended article on Jesus Christ. Unmeasured praise was bestowed upon this article for its thorough but intelligent conservatism, its genuine scholarship, its devout religious spirit, and its qualities of helpfulness to the general Bible student. It is fitting and wise that this article should now appear by itself in ordinary book form. The material has not

been revised, rearranged, or otherwise modified from its form in 1899, except for the mention of a few new books in the bibliography. A new and valuable map of Palestine in the time of Christ has been added. Those who own the *Hastings Dictionary* will greatly appreciate the accessibility and convenience of Dr. Sanday's masterly article in this form. Other persons should procure this book as indispensable to their study of the life of Christ.

*The Twentieth Century New Testament* was issued in three parts, in 1899, 1900, and 1901. In this tentative form over two hundred thousand copies were sold. The authors have now revised the whole work and have issued it in its final form. It is well known that the publication is anonymous, the translation having been produced "by a company of about twenty scholars representing the various sections of the Christian church" in Great Britain. The English text has been made directly from Westcott and Hort's Greek text of the New Testament, without regard to the Authorized and Revised Versions; the aim of the authors was to give to English readers a translation of the New Testament in the kind of English current in the present day. How well they have succeeded is shown by the remarkable sale of the work. In its revised and final form the circulation will doubtless greatly increase. Aided by the criticism which for the past seven years has been called forth by the tentative edition, the work has been thoroughly revised—so much change has been made that "this edition is virtually a new translation," scarcely a sentence in the book remaining without more or less alteration. The gospels are arranged in chronological order, as are also the Pauline epistles; a page of general introduction precedes each book; and in the Table of Contents an analysis of each book appears. The text-page has inset paragraph headings, and the material of the text is broken up after the manner of modern printing. It would be difficult to suit all readers as to the kind of modern English which should be used in such a translation, as to the degree of literalness that is desirable, and as to the interpretation of specific passages; but there can be no question that this work is equaled by few, if any, in its earnestness, scholarship, and success. It deserves to be studied and publicly read, not in the place of, but alongside of, the American Standard Revision.

*The Student's Chronological New Testament* is printed from the electroplates of the American Standard Edition of the Revised New Testament. Text, headlines, marginal references, and footnotes are precisely as in the editions of the New Testament issued by Thomas Nelson & Sons, the owners of the copyright of the American Standard Revision. As in *The Twentieth Century New Testament*, the gospels are arranged chronologically,

and the Pauline epistles; similarly, a page of general introduction, with a brief outline, precedes each book. Professor Robertson's dates for the gospels are: Mark and Matthew, probably before 60 A. D., in that order; Luke, about 60 A. D.; John, "possibly about 85 or 90 A. D." He follows Lightfoot's placing of Galatians after the Corinthian epistles, and Philipians before the other imprisonment epistles. Acts is put at "about 63 A. D.," and the epistle of James "not later than 50 A. D." In none of these dates is a consensus of present-day New Testament scholars represented.

The new edition of Professors Stevens and Burton's *Harmony of the Gospels*, superseding the first edition published in 1893, and the second edition of 1902, has been entirely reset and presents a thorough revision. No radical change has been made, however, in the form or the character of the work. The number and order of sections remain as before. A third margin has been added to the page, exhibiting the readings of the American Standard Revision. The *Harmony*, with its six valuable appendices, constitutes one of the best aids to a comparative study of the gospels. The sale of the work has been very large, and in this revised form its usefulness will continue.

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